

RESOLUTION 23-20
THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING, RATIFYING AND EXTENDING THE MAYOR'S
EMERGENCY ORDER DATED APRIL 5, 2020**

Introduced By: Mayor Habeeb-Ullah Muhammad

WHEREAS, the Governor, as of March 5, 2020 and thereafter, has issued orders initially declaring a state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency for the epidemic known as COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the Town of Forest Heights, as of April 5, 2020 issued a proclamation declaring the existence of a local emergency thereby requiring the public to observe certain social distancing behaviors and closing the town offices and the municipal building to the public except for essential police operations, and ordering most of the remaining staff to telework; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.9 of the Town Code, as amended, authorizes the Mayor to issue orders lasting for up to 30 days for a given emergency; and

WHEREAS, Subsection 2.9.B of the Town Code, authorizes the Town Council by resolution to modify or reject an emergency order of the Mayor, and if the Council modifies or rejects the order, said modification or rejection shall be prospective only, and shall not affect any actions taken prior to the modification or rejection of the order; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves an extension of the Mayor's Proclamation Declaring the Existence of a Local Emergency dated April 5, 2020 which is hereby extended beyond 30 days and throughout the same duration as the Governor's State declared health emergency or until such time as the Mayor or the Council sees fit to terminate said order; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor is authorized to sign this Resolution on behalf of the Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

PASSED this 2 day of May 2020.

APPROVED: By Resolution of the Town Council of The Town of Forest Heights, Maryland

ROLL CALL VOTE

YEA/NAY/ABSTAIN/ABSENT

MUHAMMAD

KENNEDY II

Yea
Yea

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NOBLE

BARNES

HINES

WASHINGTON

ATKINSON

Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes

ATTEST:

THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS,
MARYLAND

SIGNATURE ON FILE

Sherletta Hawkins, Town Clerk

By:

SIGNATURE ON FILE

Habeeb-Ullah Muhammad, Mayor

By:

SIGNATURE ON FILE

Calvin Washington, Council President

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby certify, as the duly appointed Town Clerk of the Town of Forest Heights, Maryland, that on the 4 day of May 2020 with 7 Aye votes and 0 Nay votes the aforesaid Resolution 23-20 passed.

SIGNATURE ON FILE

Sherletta Hawkins, Town Clerk